

Abstract of the Disclosure

- [29]           The present invention includes a method of procuring a component, and includes the steps of establishing a bid criteria, responding to the bid criteria, identifying at least one potential supplier, submitting a first bid request to the identified supplier, receiving a response from the supplier, comparing the bid response with the bid criteria, modifying the bid criteria, establishing a second bid request in response to the modified bid criteria, establishing at least one potential supplier associated with subcomponents, submitting said second bid request to identified potential suppliers and selecting solicited suppliers in response to associated bid responses.